



Happy New Year to all of our Saint Pius Tenth families!

Welcome back to (almost) the second half of the 2022-22 school year. It is so hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first semester. The 2nd quarter ends on January 28, 2022.

As we get back into our routines after the break, we have a few items to share with you for the week.

Registration for the 2022-2023 (I can't believe I'm saying that!) School Year will be opening soon. Please be on the lookout for the dates and other important information.

Our monthly school liturgy is scheduled for this Friday, January 7, 2022. Please make sure that students are in full uniform, even if they have PE.

There is no school on Monday, January 17th, as we commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. and celebrate his legacy.

Our next ½ day for students is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, 2022. Please check with your home district Department of Transportation for busing at the 11:45 AM dismissal (11:30 for Pre-K students). We also ask that you make any necessary changes in the PickUp Patrol app.

Catholic Schools Week begins on Monday, January 31, 2022. We will be announcing in-school events shortly.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS & WEATHER (OR OTHER) EMERGENCIES

Please note that if school will be closed due to inclement weather or other uncontrollable conditions that impact the school district, information will be given over local television stations (by 7:00 AM whenever possible).

For **weather** related closings, we follow the **GATES-CHILI** Public School District. Required code numbers assigned to all county schools make this information reliable. If Gates-Chili is closed due to a weather-related issue, Saint Pius Tenth School is also closed.

For all other closings (non-weather related), we will utilize the My Student Progress platform as our basis for communication.

We will also send a text message blast as early as possible through our My Student Progress (MSP) platform. Please be sure that we have the most current contact information on file in the school office.

As a follow up to the announcement from earlier in the school year, and due to current data and COVID transmission rates, it has been decided that we will not be starting After-School Clubs in January. I know that this will be a disappointment for some, but please understand that we are doing everything that is required of us, as an educational institution, to be able to continue with in-person instruction, while keeping our students and staff as safe and healthy as possible.

With that being said, we ask that any students who are not feeling well please be kept home. We are doing the best that we can with cleaning and disinfecting, and our kiddos are doing an amazing job following the protocols here at school, but if a sick child is kept home, it will help tremendously.

Finally, I would like to share with all of you the new prayer that we will be starting each day with, as we transitioned from the Saint Joseph prayer:

God,

***We come before You and ask You to help us walk in love today and every day.
Please give us the strength to refrain from hurting others through our words and
actions.***

***We thank you now, God, that You loved us first and as a result we are able to love.
Give us wisdom to see Your people as You see them and to love them the way You
love them.***

Show us Your ways, Father, so we can be more like You each and every day.

***We thank You for all of these things in Jesus' Name,
Amen.***

One of *the* most special moments of the day is to hear the students pray together!

Have a wonderful and Blessed rest of your week!

Second Grade News

By Wendy Briggs



Brrrr! Winter is in full force! Now that we have returned to school from Christmas break, we are getting back into our school routines. We have been very busy developing our academic skills over the past few months and looking forward to new learning experiences.

In Reading, we have been exploring words that begin and end with consonant blends and words with *y* as a vowel. We continue to enjoy our Reading A-Z program and the versatility it offers. We are involved in many different writing opportunities, too. Currently, we are working on a writing project that involves describing a winter scene we designed. We are trying very hard to develop more complex sentences to strengthen our writing.

In Math, we are busy learning more about 2-digit addition and applying addition and subtraction strategies we have learned. Knowing our basic addition and subtraction facts makes things much easier!

In Science, we have learned about different kinds of animal groups and the basic needs animals have to live and grow. We are currently learning about different life cycles. Maybe we have a budding zoologist in our midst!

In Social Studies, we are developing our understanding of the purposes of and the differences between maps and globes. We have been practicing locating various places on a globe.

